Oregon lawmakers advance teen tanning ban

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(AP)—Oregon lawmakers have advanced a bill that would ban minors from using indoor tanning beds.

The House voted 38-18 in favor of the bill Thursday. The measure now heads to the state Senate.

Supporters include medical professionals who point to research that shows a link between frequent exposure to ultraviolet rays and skin cancer.

Opponents from the tanning industry say the evidence is overblown and worry this bill will negatively impact small businesses.

The National Conference of State Legislators says dozens of other states are considering similar legislation this year. Last year, California and Vermont became the first states to adopt bans on teens using indoor tanning beds.

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